

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TO DISTRICT GUIDANCE CONTACTS--RE: END OF YEAR

We are approaching the last regularly scheduled Guidance Digest for the 2007-2008 school year. We want to thank you for your help this year in forwarding the Digest to others within your districts. Electronic communication has become the primary means by which we send information and use of it will only increase in the future.

If you are aware of a change taking place next year for your district guidance contact or if your e-mail address will be changed in some manner, please let me know at john.robbins@dese.mo.gov and make sure that the information is inserted in the proper place on Screen 03 of Core Data. By doing this, your district will be assured of continuing to receive the Digest when it resumes its fifth year of transmission in the fall.

We realize that some counselors will be working in their districts for varying periods of time after students leave for the summer and that some work during their district's summer school session. The last scheduled issue of the Digest will be sent out on June 3. Information that comes to us after that time that needs to be brought to the attention of counselors will be sent out in the form of "Special Transmissions"; those will end by June 16.

At some time in the early summer, a section of the front page of the Guidance section website will have a "New and Notes" section added. This will allow us to place pertinent information in that section that comes in during the summer, so please consider checking the website over the summer to see what is posted. The posting will occur as items come to our attention; at this time, no certain schedule has been considered.

REMINDER ABOUT DISSERTATION SURVEY

On April 16, a special transmission was sent out concerning participation in a survey being conducted by a doctoral student. We have been asked to tell prospective participants that there is still time to respond.

If you are willing to participate in this study, please click the following link to proceed on to the survey.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Pd0wBoR0odrgBX4vDVAq9w_3d_3d

Before continuing with the survey, you will be asked to read a consent statement and click 'yes' under number 1 in the survey to provide your consent. If you have any questions, please contact the researcher via e-mail at chepkech@hotmail.com or Dr. Stephen Armstrong at Steve_Armstrong@tamu-commerce.edu or the Chairperson of the IRB committee, Dr. Tracy Henley, at thenley@tamu-commerce.edu.

In addition, both the researcher's chair and his mailing addresses and telephone numbers are given if you prefer to contact them that way. Those are:

Researcher: Samuel Bore, 4039 Towne Crossing Blvd. Apt 302, Mesquite, TX 75150.
(972) 613-0939 (home); (469) 835-2905 (cell)

Dr. Stephen A. Armstrong, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Counseling, Texas A&M University, Commerce, Education North 202, P.O. Box 3011, Commerce, TX 75429-3011
(903) 886-5640.

Please note that as a participant in this research study, your participation is strictly voluntary and you may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. The information you provide will be held in strict confidence, and your identity will not, under any circumstance, be disclosed.

A non-revenue round-trip complimentary ticket for two to anywhere in the continental United States will be offered as a special incentive for participating in the study. If you would like to participate in the drawing for the incentive, please provide your e-mail address at the end of the survey to be used in contacting should you emerge the winner. Drawing for the incentive will be randomly done using a computer. Please do not provide your name. E-mail addresses will be saved separately from surveys to protect your anonymity.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

BEGINNING TO PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR? AS NOTED IN EARLIER ISSUES OF THE DIGEST, SURVEYS FROM ASSESSMENT RESOURCE CENTER (ARC) ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO HELP.

The Assessment Resource Center (ARC) is pleased to offer a new series of surveys, the *Missouri Guidance Planning Surveys*. These surveys function as tools to help schools develop comprehensive guidance curriculum programs and meet the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) requirements using Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

To obtain information, including pricing for materials and services, contact ARC at (800) 366-8232 or (573) 882-4694 or view their catalog online at: http://arc.missouri.edu/ARC2004catalog/ARC_2008_catalog.pdf

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

SOME TIPS TO SHARE WITH SENIORS FROM MAPPING YOUR FUTURE

Mapping Your Future has listed some tasks to share with graduating seniors that will help in their transition toward postsecondary plans. To see the article, go to <http://mappingyourfuture.org/downloads/05-2008EAEnews.html#article1>

CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE OPERATIONAL AGAIN

The website for America's Career Resource Network (ACRN) is operational once again after moving to a new hosting platform. The site contains extensive information that can help in career planning with students. To see the site, go to <http://www.acrnetwork.org/>

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM MISSOURI CENTER FOR SAFE SCHOOLS

1. The May issue of the Missouri Center for Safe Schools Newsletter is now available. It can be accessed by going to <http://education.umkc.edu/safe-school/newsletter/index.asp>.

2. After significant research into evidence based programs to reduce bullying, a collaborative effort is being piloted by the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Missouri Center for Safe Schools (MCSS), and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). Information on the program selected, Olweus Bullying Prevention Training can be accessed by going to <http://education.umkc.edu/Safe-School/downloads/index.asp#mpar1>

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE FROM DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

The Office of Disaster Readiness newsletter, *Advance Notice*, is now available on the attached link. <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/diroffice/disaster/AdvanceNoticeApr08a.pdf>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

EARN CREDIT WHILE ATTENDING SUMMER CONFERENCE

Northwest Missouri State University will offer college credit for those attending the MOACTE conference this summer. Go to the following site to see more about this offering

http://www.mo-acte.org/conferences/2008/credit_hours/2008-MO-ACTE_Northwest_Credit_Hour_Flyer.pdf

You can also get more information by contacting Sandra Eckert-Stewart, Ph.D., Northwest Missouri State University, Outreach –McKemy Center, 800 University Drive, Maryville, MO 64468
660-562-1476 (telephone), 660-562-1890 (fax), outreach@nwmissouri.edu

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CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL HAVE ITS ANNUAL SPRING TRAINING INSTITUTE on **May 14-16, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort & Conference Center - Osage Beach, Missouri.** See more at <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/springtraining/springtraining.htm>

B. UCM-DESE COUNSELOR INSTITUTE will be held at the University of Central Missouri's Central Summit Center in **Lee's Summit, Missouri, on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 8:00-4:00.** To see more information about the workshop and/or to download a registration form, go to <http://www.ucmo.edu/workshops/CounselorInstitute.cfm>

C. SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE JEFFERSON CITY, MO, JULY 14, 2008

The third annual Missouri Suicide Prevention Conference, *Show Me You Care About Suicide Prevention*, will be held on **Monday, July 14, 2008 in Jefferson City, Missouri.** Details about this and other upcoming events related to suicide prevention will also be posted online at: www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/calendar.htm
The Call for Presenters is also available online. If you know of anyone that might be interested in presenting, please share the following link and encourage them to submit a proposal:
<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/ShowMeYouCareCallforPresenters.pdf>

D. 14TH ANNUAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE –will be held July 16-18, 2008 at the Millennium Hotel in downtown St. Louis. Further information and online registration are available at <http://www.characterplus.org/page.asp?page=425>

E. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MOACTE) SUMMER CONFERENCE will be held on **July 21-24, 2008 in Springfield, MO.** For more information, go to <http://www.mo-acte.org/> and click on Conferences.

F. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE will be held on **September 6-7, 2008 in Jefferson City.** Future information on the conference will be available at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

G. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE will be held on **NOVEMBER 2-4, 2008 at Tan Tar A Resort.** Future information on the conference will be available at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

H. THE BUILDING BRIDGES 2008 CONFERENCE will be held on November 16-18, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO

On Sunday, November 16 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., two preconference options will be available:

1. R-Factor Learning: Rigor, Relevance and Relationships
2. Using the High Schools that Work / Technology Centers That Work
Assessment Data to Drive Student Achievement

To see more information about the conference, go to <http://www.missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference08.html>

I. 2008 ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) CONVENTION AND CAREER TECH EXPO will be held on December 4-6, 2008 at the Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC. To see further information about the conference, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/Convention/>